

CINCINNATI CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION BUILDINGS—OPENING JULY 4, CLOSING OCTOBER 27.

THE EXPOSITION BUILDINGS.

Twenty-Three Acres of Floor Space Under Their Roofs.

The Great Structures in Washington Park, Which Form a City in Themselves Alone.

The walk into Expo City as the great structure in Washington Park, opposite the well-known Music Hall and permanent Exposition may be called, is like the awakening from a dream. One does not know the grandeur and magnificence of what he is approaching till he runs plump against the walls of the buildings. From Race street on the east to and including the canal on the west, and from Twelfth street to Fifteenth street, three squares in both directions, or a total of nine square squares, if the illustration be admissible, is the territory which next summer will be teeming with life, the art and the industry, not alone of the Ohio Valley and its adjacent States, but of the whole civilized world as well. It is already the center of busy plans and humming industry. Over 300 men are putting on the finishing touches. Iron roofers are up aloft working away, painters are here, there and everywhere, some on ladders and some on swinging scaffolds and others dangling suspended in the loop of a long rope, suspended from an apparently inaccessible pinnacle, each busily applying the priming coat of paint; glaziers are fitting the glass in the windows, and carpenters are laying floors, finishing off rough inside work and putting on moldings, ornamental cornices, brackets, etc.

When the buildings are completed the spectacle by night when the myriads of electric lights will be blazing will be one of the grandest ever seen. The hillside in the north of the city is the best possible point of view. In no other part of the city can the whole extent of the buildings be seen and comprehended in their full magnitude.

The main building is a cruciform in shape. Its dimensions, length and breadth, are respectively 600 and 400 feet. There is a central building with one long wing reaching toward Twelfth street, and two other wings stretching either side to Race and Elm streets. The other wing extends northward to the Park limits. An additional wing runs west from this last wing to Elm street. This was first designed for a single-story, for restaurant purposes, but the rush for space has been so great that another story was added, making the original roof the floor of the second story. On this floor will be the restaurant. The bridge spanning Elm street, connecting the Park Building with Music Hall, begins from this wing.

The cruciform shape of the building has left the corners of the park open. Each of these open spaces, about a quarter of an acre, will be accessible to the wings and main hall, and will be used for smoking and promenades. Benches will also be put in these small parks, and as the old elm trees have been left standing, charming places will thus be provided for tea-tables for the swim and his fair company.

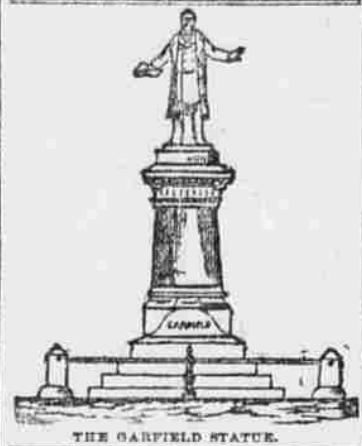
The main entrance to this building will be on Twelfth street. Four noble towers mark the corners of this side and the main gateway. Each corner of the wings facing Elm and Race streets is also guarded by a tower, and over the center of the building is another, a gigantic light-house it will be, by the way. The surface of the lake will be illuminated by electric lights. From each of the nine towers hoisted the American flag in honor of the visit of the Commissioners.

No description can convey any adequate idea of the immensity of the interior of the first story from floor to ceiling is forty feet. The floor space is 110 feet by 800. In the center is the lake, in whose placid surface the Exposition visitor, 130 feet up in the main tower can gaze at his reflection or contemplate the results of a dive downward. This lake will have a beautiful fountain sparkling in its center, and swans will disport themselves upon the water's surface. There will be drinking fountains for the thirsty visitors at convenient intervals around the shores. The surface of the lake will be a few feet below the level of the floor, and to prevent the careless or children from falling in a handsome paling will enclose the body of water. The lake is sixty feet in diameter. Standing at its edge one can look upward at visitors on the second floor, forty feet above, into whose faces the water from the fountain will almost dash the spray. Above this floor is a sheer space of nearly one hundred feet, reaching into the very apex of the central tower. Little balconies here and there around the inner sides of the glass-enclosed tower, provide foot holds from which the curious can look either outward over the vast expanse of the city beyond like a panorama before him, or else look downward upon the surging mass of humanity on the floor below.

From either side of the lake the ferry

feet space intervening between first and second floors, is overcome by massive stairs ascending on an easy grade and relieved by wide landings. The whole of this building, excepting a few small corners and the restaurant, will be used for exhibiting purposes. At the further end of the north wing will be located the electric light plant, as the entire Exposition buildings will be illuminated by electricity. Besides the stairways there will be four large elevators connecting the upper floors with the lower, and providing easy and rapid transit for the hurried visitor. These elevators will be handsomely appointed and in charge of careful attendants.

The interior of this vast central building, with its hundreds of columns, arches and springing joints, affords the decorator a world of opportunity for displaying his art. The style of decoration will be very ornate. No plans have yet been decided upon, but one may be insured from what has already been done, that the beauty of the interior will be in harmony with the magnificence of the outer building. John Rettig, the artist, will have charge of the ornamentation. The "Power Hall," as it is called, extends from Twelfth street to Fifteenth street, a distance of 1,317 feet, and is 112 feet wide. Forty feet of this space is open, and exposes the canal, through which the boats can pass unobstructed. On either side of the canal is thirty-



THE GARFIELD STATUE.

feet floor space for machinery. Bridges span the canal at Madison, Twelfth, and Fourteenth streets. At Madison, Grant, and Fourteenth streets there will be sixteen foot wide openings, and engines and hose reels will be constantly near at hand in case of fire.

Along the sides of the canal will run the towpath, and no overworked to-morrow ever trod so aristocratic a walk as will the Miami and Erie motive animal during the hundred days of the Exposition. The towpath for its entire length of one-fourth of a mile through the building has been packed and is raised in at the side from the water. A dozen or fifteen feet above the level of the towpath is the floor. A pretty fence provides an easy resting place for the visitor, as he looks downward upon the passing canal boats. It may safely be said that the navigators of the Miami and Erie will avail themselves to the full extent of the privilege of passing free through one of the main buildings of the Exposition. Another feature of the canal during the Exposition will be the gondolas, a la Venice, propelled by gaily costumed gondoliers, song, delicious motion, and all. Of course a small row will be charged, but no one will mind that, for a ride in a gondola below the level of the floor will be a welcome relief when the visitor has tired of the whirl and buzz of machinery.

The engine-house to supply the power to this building is located at the corner of Madison and Plum streets. Lines of shafting will extend the entire 1,300 feet of the building. Power Hall is almost completed.

At the Twelfth and at the Fifteenth street ends of this long building the canal for a considerable distance will be bridged over by a square floor; space, 112 feet by 112. At the four corners will be towers in which exhibitors or others will have office rooms. There will be two public entrances to this building, one from Twelfth and the other from Fifteenth street. In addition, there will also be three entrances from the main Exposition building directly across Elm street, one from old Power Hall and the other two from the north and south corridors.

It is a beautiful sight standing at either end of this vast hall and looking through at the perspective of graceful curving arches, which spring from either side upward and over the canal and across the better to admit light. That part over the canal is placed about ten feet higher up than the shed-like roofs, sloping downward over the sides. This ten foot space has been utilized for window purposes and an unbroken line of glass extends down on both sides the entire length. A similar line of windows just under the eaves of the side roofs, also admits light, so that there is not a dark spot anywhere in the whole building.

A curious freak in architecture may be witnessed at one point along the east side of this new building. Here, if he held here this year, but in proportion to the time, effort and money spent there is reason for the confident hope that the Cincinnati Centennial will be proportionately as successful as was its great prototype.

valley roof, sloping, not from the sides upward to a peak, but instead from the sides inward and downward to a gutter. Over the main entrance appears in elaborate style the legend:

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CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION.

Over three million feet of lumber, thirty car loads of glass and many tons of iron, and dozens of barrels of paint will be consumed in the entire construction. Never before in Cincinnati has such an immense amount of work been done in so short a time. Of course the interior decorations will consume considerable more time, but one can safely say the Centennial Exposition buildings will prove to be one of the quickest jobs on record.

The new buildings will have about twenty-three acres of floor space. This, with the floor space of Music Hall and the permanent Exposition Buildings, will make an aggregate of almost forty acres.

A RETROSPECT.

The First International Exposition Was Held at London.

A Review of the Greatest We Have Known, the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876.

International Expositions were inaugurated with that of 1851, in London, followed by those of New York, 1853; Paris, 1855; London, 1862; Paris, 1867; Vienna, 1873; Philadelphia Centennial, 1876. Since that time such Expositions have become more general all over the civilized world.

Facile princeps was the Philadelphia Centennial, and of instruction and anticipation this year it will not be amiss to refer to its magnitude. The State of Pennsylvania appropriated \$1,015,000; Philadelphia gave \$1,500,000. There were gifts, concessions and interest amounting to \$240,000; stock subscriptions by citizens of Pennsylvania, \$2,500,000; and a National appropriation of \$1,500,000. About \$300,000 was derived from the sale of privileges, and from royalties and donations. The receipts for the entire exhibition amounted to \$3,813,750; and the total expenses to \$2,830,000. Thus there was a surplus of about \$2,000,000.

The Philadelphia Centennial Exposition was open 139 days, and the admissions numbered 9,764,024, a daily average of 61,568. The average of paid admissions was \$0.91 per day, and the average daily receipts \$24,905. There were 30,551 exhibitors from fifty different countries.

The Philadelphia Centennial was opened on May 10, 1876, with imposing ceremonies, including a speech from President Grant; and was closed November 10, with fitting congratulations. The greatest day at the Philadelphia Exposition was Pennsylvania Day, September 25, 274,919 admissions; Delaware and Maryland Day, October 15, 176,407 admissions; and Ohio Day, October 24, 150,001 admissions. The cash receipts on Ohio Day were \$61,305.50, and it is estimated that 800,000 Ohioans were present headed by their Governor, Hayes, who was accorded a grand reception.



THE ART MUSEUM.

Ohio had a fine building of stone and wood, the materials and furnishings of which were contributed by Ohio firms. This building occupied one end of State Row, close by a main entrance to the Centennial grounds, and it was well supplied with Buckeye relics of historic interest, reading room with Ohio newspapers, etc.

Four years were occupied in preparing for the Philadelphia Centennial. In position; but one year for that to be held here this year, but in proportion to the time, effort and money spent there is reason for the confident hope that the Cincinnati Centennial will be proportionately as successful as was its great prototype.

THE REASON WHY

A Centennial Celebration is Appropriate at Cincinnati.

The Home of the Arts, Science and Culture, and the Center of Population of the United States.

The position and growth of Cincinnati has given her proud distinction in history such as no other city in the West has enjoyed. Soon after the commencement of the settlement of the Northwest Territory, October, 1788, fourteen years before the great State of Ohio was carved out of the wilderness, Cincinnati became the seat of commerce for this section, outstripping in growth all other Occidental towns. Reaching southward, by the enterprise of her citizens, she grasped the commerce of that region, and for a long time was styled "King of the Cotton Trade," the shipments of that article to the North being made exclusively through this port. Next her citizens turned their attention to dealing in swine, and soon, about 1800, Cincinnati developed into the great pork emporium of America. About this time also, she had risen to such prominence in rank, wealth, population and importance, that her sister rivals dubbed her the "Queen City of the West."



THE LINCOLN CLUB.

Then it was, too, that her people encouraged improvements in streets, public buildings, and a love for the handsome and beautiful in design and architecture, which brought forth the highest attainments of civilization by developing schools of training in art and musical disciplines, until the city was unanimously accorded the nom de plume, "Paris of America." This slogan is one of her most worthy titles, as the sciences, arts, etc., flourish to a degree of liberality unexcelled on the Continent. Not yet assisted to lay down the scepter of worthy achievements, the enterprise of Cincinnati, in 1893, invented the Exposition, an unheard of project, but which by a series of annual triumphs and successes, won such popular favor that other cities adopted the plan, and the industrial contagion spread far and remote, until now the inhabitants of every part of the globe have an opportunity of testifying to its magnificent results. The "Mother of Expositions" is the last, and yet one of the most brilliant stars that twinkle in the circulation of Cincinnati's superlative. The Exposition idea was born and has grown to full vigor and maturity, and the people who have been inspired by long experience with its plans and workings, thoroughly understand what is necessary to insure complete success. Naturally, with the splendid growth of the city, and the surrounding development, the resources to draw from in this immediate vicinity for the one hundredth anniversary of the State of Ohio are immense. No other city in Ohio enjoys such advantages, neither in the other city of like magnitude at the very center of the population of the United States. These alone speak volumes in favor of the Centennial Exposition in Cincinnati. Railroads and rivers furnish every means of rapid communication and transit to and from every point of the compass, to the greatest number of States and Territories. Cincinnati takes pride in her ample hotel accommodations. They are unsurpassed. Then, too, millions of people and billions of wealth are in close proximity. In short, no other city can show so many advantages and inducements of location.

HISTORICAL
The Formation of the Northwest Territory and Ohio.

By the treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763, Great Britain relinquished the territory east of the Mississippi, and by the treaty of September 3, 1783, the country between the Alleghenies and Mississippi was given to the United States, but remained patented to Virginia and Connecticut. March 1, 1784, Virginia ceded its rights to the United States, and in May, 1784, Connecticut did the same. July 13, 1787, Congress passed an ordinance for the government of this Northwest Territory; on October 3, Gen. Arthur St. Clair, was elected Governor, and Winthrop Sargent, Secretary, and early

in 1788 the Judges were all appointed; Samuel Parsons, John Cleves Symmes and James Mitchell Varnum. The present year, 1893, is, therefore, the Centennial of the completion of the government of the Northwest Territory.

March 1, 1788, the Ohio company was formed in Boston of persons entitled to military lands. That year Major Doughty built Fort Harmer at the mouth of the Muskingum. On April 7, 1788, Marietta, the first town in Ohio, was founded, where the first court was held in September, 1788, though there was no fixed seat of government for the territory. The first territorial Legisla-



NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ture met in Cincinnati September 10, 1790. On September 3 William Henry Harrison was elected delegate to Congress.

In 1800 Congress removed the seat of government to Chillicothe, where the constitution of the State of Ohio was framed in 1802, by convention, November 1 to 29. Ohio became a State by act of Congress approved by the President in February, 1803.

The early settlements in Ohio suffered much from Indian depredations, which continued till the treaty with the aboriginal tribes at Greenville, August 3, 1794.

MACHINERY HALL.

The Particular Domain of the Ingenious Mechanic.

A Quarter of a Mile Long and as Wide as the Great Northern Lakes are Deep.

This is the domain of the "horsey hand of toil." Its dimensions are a quarter of a mile long, and wider than the average depths of the Great Lakes by a large majority. The engineer, with his hand on the valve and throttle controls every wheel and pulley and belt that carries motion and power through this vast area. Forward he moves the throttle, and gently he turns the valve. The endless shafting and pulleys move, the belts straighten, a deep-mouthed groan and puff, a little more straightening and slapping of belts, an increasing hum and rum and now every wheel "gears service" with rattling glee.

The engineer of peace is around on every side. There is no device or wile of man in labor machinery which is not included in the diversified category. Look around and you will find every invention from the locomotive to a wooden nutmeg. To attempt any description in detail of this comprehensive department would be only an act of injustice; it can only be said that here are the proudest achievements of the present age. With these ready instruments of peace the earth has been girdled with an electric belt, and the continent covered with intricate construction of public ways, of bridges and tunnels, and the improvement of harbors and rivers, it may equally and justly be claimed that the mechanical engineer, in his several spheres of activity, has not unequally earned his right and title to the distinction. Who can look upon the powerful, ponderous, complete engines which force throughout the length and breadth of this city its water supply, that contemplate the extensive sewerage systems and all those devices by which night is turned into day, without acknowledging his tribute? And is not the intricate and complete machinery of every factory of all manner of textile fabrics in the land worthy of note? The success of our agricultural industries must not be neglected, and there is in truth no section in the broad realm of the iron-worker which is not deserving of praise.

EXPOSITION HISTORY.

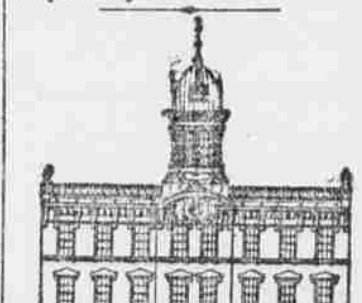
Cincinnati the Pioneer in Such Industrial Expositions.

Fifty Years Ago She Held One Under the Auspices of the Mechanic's Institute.

A half a century ago the first public Exposition in Cincinnati, or possibly in the country, was held under the auspices of the Ohio Mechanic's Institute. A brief glance at the times and their characters may be of interest. Cincinnati then had a population of 30,000. Martin Van Buren was President of the United States, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, Thos. Benton and others of that galaxy of illustrious statesmen were in the Senate. Salmon P. Chase was practicing law on Third street, between Main and Symmes. Robert Lucas was Governor of the State, Slavery was extant, postage was from 6 1/2 cents, according to distance. American arts and industries were in their infancy and any attempt of American history had yet to happen.

Space and time being limited, only a brief glance can be taken at this first fair, so auspicious in its rise; so momentous in its consequences. Home industry was the watchword, and to demonstrate the progress made the attention was called to three facts: The carpeting on exhibition was manufactured in Cincinnati—"was good enough for any family and sold in the shops without the purchasers knowing that it was domestic manufacture;" again the Japanese ware exhibited was of excellent quality and beautiful finish, and "was manufactured in a small alley in a remote part of this city, which was generally supposed to come from the islands of the Pacific Ocean." Of course the advertiser announcing that it was the Japanese ware and not the remote alley that came from the Pacific Ocean. And finally, a bathing tub, by John A. Rowan, "is a veritable article. It is composed of wood outside, and so lined with zinc as to be elastic, which makes it much more easy and serviceable to those who use it."

Agricultural implements seem not to have been exhibited until ten years later, excepting an apple parer and a corn sheller. In 1858 the last of the Mechanic's Institute's prosperous fairs was held. Twelve years later the Mechanic's Institute Directory called to its aid the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce. The success which has attended this financial trinity is too well known to be repeated. They have drawn from the utmost parts of the earth, as the limit of their resources. No art, no industry, no sciences, no learning had been neglected, and today, looking down the long vista of fifty years, the venerable members of the old Mechanic's Institute can look with honor upon this culmination of their primitive labors as one of the acts to be forgotten conquests of peace.



THE PRESS CLUB.

What Visiting Newspaper Representatives Will Meet.

The Cincinnati Press Club, an association of newspaper men of this city and vicinity, has entered into close relations with the Centennial Commissioners, and will prove a valuable aid in the work of making the Exposition a success. The Club will have rooms adjoining the headquarters of the Commissioners, neatly and elegantly fitted up. Here will congregate the local and visiting representatives of the press, for social and professional intercourse, to which one apartment will be exclusively devoted. Another room will be fitted up with all the conveniences for writing letters or telegrams, and the work of post offices close at hand will offer the best facilities for the rapid dispatch of news all over the country. A telephone for the exclusive use of the Club and its guests will be a valuable aid in the work of making the Exposition a success. The Club will have rooms adjoining the headquarters of the Commissioners, neatly and elegantly fitted up. 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